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In re application of:

Joseph R. BYRUM et al.

Appln. No.: 09/199,129

Filed: November 24, 1998

Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other
Molecules Associated with Plants

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**Request for Oral Hearing
Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby request an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in the appeal of the above-identified application.

Authorization to charge the official fees for this filing is given in the accompanying transmittal letter. A duplicate copy of this Request is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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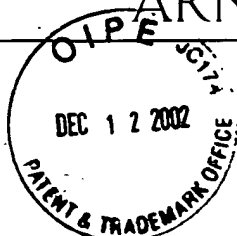
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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/199,129
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Inventors: Joseph R. BYRUM *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16517.001/15075B

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Appointment of Associate Attorneys;
2. Request for Oral Hearing; and
3. Return postcard.

Applicants request that the \$280.00 fee for filing a Request for Oral Hearing be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter no. 16517.001/15075B.

Please stamp the postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.001/15075B. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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Attachments